



First United Methodist Church
Sunday, April 27, 2025

There is no Sunday School today; children will remain in worship with their families. Activity bags are available at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Please be aware that our services are livestreamed, and any adults and/or children participating in musical groups, children's messages and liturgist roles will appear on camera.

Prelude *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele (Adorn Yourself, Oh Dear Soul)* J.S. Bach
Velda Graham Bell, organ

Welcome and Announcements Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

Call to Worship Lee Cutler

One: The day of resurrection has happened! Tell it out abroad.

All: **From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, hear our shout of victory!**

One: Let the heavens be joyful! Let the earth song begin!

All: **Let all things be glad! For Christ has risen and we have joy that never ends!**

* Hymn *The Day of Resurrection* UM Hymnal #303

Children's Message Connie Adamec

Morning Prayer Rev. MaryAnne Korsch
Prayers of Joy and Concern

Jesus' Prayer - contemporary paraphrase from *Human Rites* by Ward and Wild
Beloved, our parent, in whom is heaven, hallowed be your name, followed be your royal way, done be your will and rule, throughout the whole creation. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Anthem *Peals of Praise* Karen Buckwalter
Cast in Bronze; Christine Winkler Johnson, director

Scripture Readings Lee Cutler

Psalm 150

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

John 20:19-31

- One: When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said,
All: "Peace be with you."
- One: After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,
All: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."
- One: When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,
All: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."
- One: But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him,
All: "We have seen the Lord."
- One: But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later, his disciples were again in the house and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said,
All: "Peace be with you."
- One: Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him,
All: "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."
- One: But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing, you may have life in his name.

Offering Our Gifts

Rev. MaryAnne Korsch

* Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia*

UM Hymnal #162

Sermon *Beyond Closed Doors*

Rev. Karen Schuder

Anthem *10,000 Reasons*

Matt Redman

Tapestry; Leah and Corey Hulst, directors

* Hymn *Christ is Risen*

UM Hymnal #307

Benediction

Rev. Karen Schuder

Postlude *Improvisation on "Old Hundredth"*

arr. Alice Jordan

Velda Graham Bell, organ

** please stand as you are comfortable*



Announcements

*Please remember to fill out the Connect Cards each week. Keeping attendance and making sure the church has your current contact information is an important part of church records. **On the back of the card**, is a list of ministry opportunities, where your help can make a difference! These will change often, so check them each week and please sign up where you can.*

***Guests:** Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We are so glad you are worshipping with us today! Please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex; we have a packet and small gift for first-time visitors.*

***Thank you** to Rev. Karen Schuder for preaching this morning. Pastor Jeanine and Larry Ehresman are on vacation and will return to the office on Thursday, May 8. For pastoral needs, please contact Rev. MaryAnne Korsch or Faith Community Nurse Linda Wiig. The church office can provide their contact information.*

***Next Sunday** we will celebrate Holy Communion. On Communion Sundays, we ask you to remember our hungry neighbors with financial gifts and/or food donations for the CHUM Food Shelf. The Food Shelf cart will be available for donations; if you make a financial gift, please note "Food Shelf" on the check memo or envelope and make your check out to FUMC. Thank you for loving our neighbors in need.*

***Faith Forum** is held Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am in the Fireside Lounge. Next week, **May 4**, Pat Miller will talk about "Gifts Our Parents Gave Us," exploring traits and habits we as individuals have absorbed from our parents.*

***Mark your calendars!** For the first time, Strikepoint will be a part of Duluth's popular Homegrown Music Festival. Their performance will be **Saturday, May 3**, at 7:30pm at Zeitgeist Theater (222 E. Superior St., Duluth). According to the Homegrown website, "During Homegrown, admission wristbands can be purchased at any venue that requires them. Advance tickets are available at Zenith Bookstore (318 N. Central Ave., Duluth), River City Records & Books (1814 W. Superior St., Duluth), and Globe News (1430 Tower Ave., Superior), and remain on sale throughout the week of Homegrown. Wristbands do not guarantee entry to venues at capacity - if you want to see a specific band, get there early!" A single-day wristband for admission on Friday or Saturday is \$25; and \$40 would give you access to all eight days of music across the city. Strikepoint is looking forward to seeing lots of familiar, friendly faces in the audience!*

***Roadside Cleanup** The Bill Alexander Family established the spring and fall Roadside Cleanup as part of our caring for the Earth. Bill's recruitment for volunteers comes from the May 2023 FUMC sponsors one of the St. Louis Co. Roadside Cleanup locations, and twice a year schedules a time to make our community a little nicer. Our cleanup area is a two-mile stretch of Maple Grove Road, from Lindahl Road to Solway Road. The spring cleanup time will be on Saturday, May 10, from 12-2pm. We always need more help to make the workload a little lighter. Please call the church office at 218-727-5021 or contact Pamela Brown (pamela.brown@reliabilitysolutions.us) if you are interested. You should dress for the weather, bring gloves, wear footwear suitable for walking in ditches, and meet us at the Faith Baptist Church parking lot at Midway and Maple Grove. Bags for collecting trash and stylish yellow visibility vests will be provided!*

***Graduate Recognition Sunday** will be **May 18**. We'll be celebrating the achievements of all our high school and post-secondary graduates. If you or a family member are graduating, please be sure that Pastor Jeanine or the church office has your name, school and degree information.*

Yogadevotion, led by Carla Egge, has begun a new series of classes that runs through May 19. The class is held on Mondays in Three Brothers Chapel, and is a mat-based gentle somatic yoga practice. The cost is \$55 for the five-week session; sign up at www.yogadevotion.com/classes or by emailing Lori@yogadevotion.com.

Rhubarb Pie Season is coming, and we will again be making pies to donate. Volunteers are needed on **Wednesday, May 7**, 10am-3pm, to make pie dough. Look for further volunteer opportunities in June!



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Ways You Can Help Your Church



Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, May 7, 10am-3pm, to make pie dough for the Rhubarb Festival. Look for further volunteer opportunities in June!

Ways to give to support your church: give online at fumcduluth.com OR use the QR code OR text COPPERTOP to 73256 OR mail to FUMC, 230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811.

